IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTION

PIL Writ Petition No.130 of 2005

Prani Mitru Mandal Pandharpur Petitioner.
Vs
The State of Maharashtra & ors ... Respondents

Mr. Sandeep S Salunkhe for the petitioner
Mr. V.M.Malvankar AGP for respondents

CORAM: H.S. BEDI, C.J. , &
V.M.KANADE, J.

DATE: 13th December, 2006.

P.C.:-

We have heard the learned counsel for the parties and have gone through the record. This public interest petition raises an important issue with regard to the treatment meted out to bullocks and other animals used for pulling bullock carts. It has been pointed out that the animals are being mal-treated and over utilised and made to carry sugarcane to long distances with no medical aid in case of need. The petitioner had filed representations before the State Government praying that suitable steps for the betterment and welfare of such animals be taken by providing doctors and medicines in every sugar factory. In view of the fact that certain important issues have been raised by the petitioner, we direct the Government to treat

this petition as a representation and take a decision within three months from today.

Authenticated copy of this order be supplied to the parties forthwith.

Petition stands disposed of in the above terms.

CHIEF JUSTICE.

V.M.KANADE, J.